

House Resolution 2336

By: Representatives Pruett of the 144th, Ramsey of the 72nd, and Knight of the 126th

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending the Honorable James "Jim" Malcolm Cole III; and for other
2 purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Honorable James "Jim" Malcolm III Cole has served with great dedication as
4 a member of the House of Representatives, and during his six years of service in the House
5 of Representatives, he has been an effective and responsive public servant and a true friend;
6 and

7 WHEREAS, he is a dynamic public servant who has faithfully represented the citizens of this
8 state with great distinction and ability; and

9 WHEREAS, his consistently thorough consideration of the issues presented to this body and
10 his integrity and reliability have rightfully earned him the honor, respect, and trust of his
11 colleagues over the years and were recognized by the leadership of this body and properly
12 reflected in his committee responsibilities which included serving as a member of the House
13 Rules Committee, Judiciary Non-Civil Committee, and State Planning and Community
14 Affairs Committee, and he has also held the distinguished positions of the Governor's
15 Assistant Floor Leader from 2007 to 2008 and Senior Floor Leader from 2009 to the present;
16 and

17 WHEREAS, Jim has always been approachable and has made his office available to his local
18 government delegation at the Capitol, even to the point that some members swear that they
19 have heard turkey calls emanating from his private office; and

20 WHEREAS, we recognize that Jim's constant smile hides an intense drive and dedication to
21 public service, and that Jim is never without a task at hand, constantly expecting every
22 minute of the day to be productive and encouraging those around him to do the same; and

23 WHEREAS, Representative Jim Cole will be leaving public service at the end of this year
24 and will become the Athletic Director at his alma mater, Mercer University, where he
25 received his MBA, played college baseball, went on to play professional baseball with the
26 Milwaukee Brewers, and later coached and used his talents to become a successful business
27 man and make Mercer University athletics competitive nationally; and

28 WHEREAS, he exhibited the highest level of political activism and unselfish leadership, and
29 his stewardship in the House of Representatives has been marked by unmatched dignity,
30 grace, and wisdom.

31 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
32 the members of this body unanimously honor and commend their most outstanding
33 colleague, Honorable Jim Cole, for his tireless work and unparalleled service to our
34 community; that this body thank Jim's wife Gaylyn and their children Caroline and Lawson
35 for their support and sacrifices which allowed Jim to so ably serve; and extend to Jim and his
36 family our heartfelt dedication and hope for success in future endeavours.

37 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
38 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Honorable Jim Cole.